(b) A sum of Rs. 10,85,400/- was allotted in 1984-85.

(c) There are eight centres of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Betelvine Diseases which are located in the Agricultural Universities at Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Jabalpur, Rahuri, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Jorhat and Kalyani. In addition, there is a Coordinating Unit located at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research Bangalore. Research work on betel leaf is also in progress at the National Botanical Research Institute of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in Lucknow.

Import of edible oil

1290. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible oil which has been imported during the year 1984-85 and so far during the current year; and

(b) what has been the imported cost of this oil per tonne and what has been the selling price to vanaspati industry per tonne during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) During the financial year 1984-85, a quantity of 15.85 lakh tonnes of edible oils was imported at an approximate average CIF price of Rs. 8,262 per metric tonne. For the period April, 1985 to October 1985, these figures are 7.80 lakh tonnes and Rs. 8,288 per metric tonne, respectively. The issue price of these oils to vanaspati industry from 24.5.84 to 14.11.85 was Rs. 9,500 per metric tonne and from 15.11.85, it is Rs. 11,500 per metric tonne.

Production of Children Films

1291. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the inauguration of the fourth International Children's Film Festival, organised by the Children's Film Society of India, at Bangalore on the 15th November, 1985 the Prime Minister ovserved that the quality of children's films produced in the country was not good;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to produce high quality and patriotic films for the children; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to produce such films in regional languages also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government cannot do much for improving the quality of Children films produced in the private sector. However, to encourage production of high quality childrens films, the Government gives an award for the best Children's films every year in the National Film Festival. There is also a registered society receiving grant-in-aid from the Government, namely the Children's Film Society, which is responsible for production of Childrens films. It has been its constant endeavour to produce high quality films. Some of the measures that it has taken/proposed to

take for ensuring high quality Children's films are as under:—

(1) Reputed outside producers are proposed to be involved in production of Children's films;

(2) the International Childrens Films Festival is held every alternate year to make the producers of Children's films aware of latest trends in the production of Children's film all over the world; and

(3) a Children's Film Complex is proposed to be set up in Bangalore which will provide most modern facilities for production of Children's films.

As to patriotic films the Society has produced number of patriotic films and would continue to do so.

(c) The Children's Film Society is already producing dubbing films in regional languages. This will contiune.

Short-Fall in Production of Fertilisers

1292. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has proposed a review of the entire structure of the fertiliser pricing and subsidy;

(b) whether any exercise has been initiated by his ministry in this regard; if so the outcome thereof;

(c) whether there is a big gap at present between the production and demand of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to make good the shortfall during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of pricing and subsidy on fertilisers has always been engaging the attention of this Ministry. This Ministry had in fact set up a Committee in May 1984 to go into this question. This committee has since been reconstituted in July 1985 and its report is awaited.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The shortfall is proposed to be met through higher domestic production both through the existing units as well through new units and imports.

Indira Gandhi Canal

1293. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the stage II of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project if so, the capital outlay sanctioned for it and the time-bound programme approved for its execution;

(b) the provision made for the development of the command area with a view to developing animal-husbandry including orchards; and

(c) the type of assistance-technical and other proposed to be rendered by the Central Government for the timely execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Stage-II of the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project was approved by the Government of